

# Band Camp Update:

Due to scheduling conflicts, we will not be able to use the facilities at Hope College for this summer's band camp. Band Camp will be held on August 5-9 at Orchard View High School. Please remember all camp dates are mandatory, including pre-camp, band camp, and re-camp.

One good thing from this change is that we will be able to save money on the cost of camp by not purchasing overnight lodging. With this in mind, our marching band dues will be \$200 for this season instead of \$350. We are also able to offer a discounted rate for families that have more than one marching band member living in the same household. After the first student pays \$200 each additional family member would pay \$100.

I am sure some people will wonder what these dues are paying for since we are not going to Hope. While it is true that we will not have to pay for dorm rooms we still will be feeding the students each day at school, and we will still be hiring instructors to work with the kids. The dues also go towards the show T-Shirt as well as some other necessities for marching band.

The official deadline for the dues is Monday May 20th, 2024. 8th grade families are also welcome to bring the payment to the orientation on Tuesday May 21st at 6pm in the HS Band Room. I can also work with families that need a little more time, but all payments must be final by the last day of school so I can know numbers for the drill. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at [bryan.merchant@orchardview.org](mailto:bryan.merchant@orchardview.org) as soon as possible.

The schedule for the season can always be found at [orchardview.org](http://orchardview.org) and has already been updated to show this change. No camp dates have changed, just the location.